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SUBJECT: Government of Suriname delayed in preliminary response to  
CITES proposals

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11. (SBU) On February 11, Post delivered the talking points (reftel) via diplomatic note to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) requesting that they be forwarded to the Ministry of Physical Planning, Land, and Forestry Management; Ministry of Labor, Technology, and Environment; Ministry of Transport, Communication and Tourism; Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries; Ministry of Natural Resources; and any other relevant government officials as appropriate.

12. (SBU) Post also requested in the note that the Government of Suriname identify the most appropriate contact concerning the CITES proposals. In a follow-up discussion on February 17, Tom Kartoebi, Acting Head of the Americas Division at Suriname's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Post's primary point of contact for following-up on demarches, said that his Ministry had not yet forwarded this information but would do so later that same day. He did not know who would be definitively covering CITES within the Government of Suriname nor did he have any preliminary reaction to the proposals themselves. However, Kartoebi believes that the Ministry of Physical Planning may be the Ministry assigned CITES responsibility. (Note: Post believes that the Head of the Suriname Forest Service in the Ministry of Physical Planning holds this responsibility). He encouraged Post to follow-up directly with the Ministry of Physical Planning on or about February 22, giving this Ministry enough time to absorb the points submitted on February 11.

13. (U) On February 22, Post will contact the Ministry of Physical Planning and will report any substantive response.  
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